

THE BOOK OF HEBREWS

THEME - JESUS CHRIST IS THE ONE AND ONLY

THE SUPREMACY AND SUFFICIENCY OF JESUS CHRIST.

A THEOLOGY OF REDEMPTION, ATONEMENT AND MINISTRY OF THE PROMISED MESSIAH

Hebrews 10:26-31

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

APOSTASY OR REALITY – WHERE ARE YOU ? – PART 2

In everything, the book of Hebrews presents Jesus Christ as the all-sufficient and eternal priest.

In all things Jesus Christ is better than Moses, than Angels, than the Law, being the centrality of those ministries.

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30 For we know Him who said, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says the Lord. And again, "The LORD will judge His people."

31 It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

Romans 6:1-3

What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound?

2 Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it?

3 Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?

APOSTASY OR REALITY - WHERE ARE YOU?

1.) Look Around At Yourself

vs. 26-27

We're talking about taking a 360-degree walk-a-round of yourself.

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1a.) What do you see happening with you?

vs. 26

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**There is a Fail-Safe for the Christ-Follower.
It comes by invitation - we invite Him to examine us.**

Psalm 26:2

Examine me, O LORD, and prove me; try my mind and my heart.

Lamentations 3:40-41

**Let us search out and examine our ways, and turn back to the LORD;
41 let us lift our hearts and hands to God in heaven.**

1 Corinthians 11:28a

But let a man examine himself.

2 Corinthians 13:5

**Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves.
Do you not know yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you? - unless indeed you are disqualified.**

Galatians 6:4

**But let each one examine his own work, and then he will have rejoicing
in himself alone, and not in another.**

**Confirming your course heading is done by checking your location in
light of the North Star or Polaris.**

What are The Characteristics of Apostasy and Apostates

1 John 2:18-20

Little children, it is the last hour; and as you have heard that the Antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come, by which we know that it is the last hour. 19 They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us; but *they went out* that they might be made manifest, that none of them were of us. 20 But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you know all things.

The apostate pastor, teacher, group leader, so-called Christian

not only are they doomed but they doom their unsuspecting followers.

Jesus warned of this when He spoke to His disciples about the religious leaders of His day,

Matthew 15:7-14

Hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy about you, saying:

8 “*These people draw near to Me with their mouth, And honor Me with their lips, But their heart is far from Me. 9 And in vain they worship Me, Teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.’*” **10** When He had called the multitude to Himself, He said to them, “Hear and understand:

11 Not what goes into the mouth defiles a man; but what comes out of the mouth, this defiles a man.” **12** Then His disciples came and said to Him, “Do You know that the Pharisees were offended when they heard this saying?” **13** But He answered and said, “Every plant which My heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. **14** LET THEM ALONE. They are blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind leads the blind, both will fall into a ditch.”

Matthew 13:24-30

Another parable He put forth to them, saying: “The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field; **25** but while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat and went his way. **26** But when the grain had sprouted and produced a crop, then the tares also appeared. **27** So the servants of the owner came and said to him, “Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have tares?’ **28** He said to them, “An enemy has done this.’ The servants said to him, ‘Do you want us then to go and gather them up?’ **29** But he said, “No, lest while you gather up the tares you also uproot the wheat with them. **30** Let both grow together until the harvest, and at the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, “First gather together the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them, but gather the wheat into my barn.”’ ”

Matthew 24:9-11

“Then they will deliver you up to tribulation and kill you, and you will be hated by all nations for My name’s sake. **10** And then many will be offended, will betray one another, and will hate one another.

11 Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many.

2 Thessalonians 2:1-3

Now, brethren, concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him, we ask you, **2** not to be soon shaken in mind or troubled, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as if from us, as though the day of Christ had come. **3** Let no one deceive you by any means; for *that Day will not come* unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition,

Philippians 3:18-19

For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ: **19** whose end is destruction, whose god is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame -who set their mind on earthly things.

To be in the mindset of EXAMINATION - we must take inventory of where we have come from in this Book and what we have learned in the previous chapters of this Book.

Hebrews 7:25

Therefore, He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.

So what is before us here? -- well it is a very serious and grave warning to all who have left-off from the simplicity of the Gospel message.

Galatians 3:1-4

O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you that you should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ was clearly portrayed among you as crucified? **2** This only I want to learn from you: Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith? **3** Are you so foolish? Having begun in the Spirit, are you now being made perfect by the flesh? **4** Have you suffered so many things in vain - if indeed it was in vain?

APOSTASY OR REALITY - WHERE ARE YOU? LOOK AROUND AT YOURSELF

1b.) Thankful that you're no longer in jeopardy

vs. 27

**but a certain fearful expectation of judgment,
and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries.**

Remember Church That

The God of the Old Testament is The Same God of the New Testament.
He has engineered these last 2,000 years to be the “Age or Dispensation of Grace”

Ephesians 1:10

That in the **dispensation** (prescribed time) of the fullness of the times He might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth in Him.

2 Peter 2:4-9

For if God did not spare the angels who sinned, but cast *them* down to hell and delivered *them* into chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment **5** and did not spare the ancient world, but saved Noah, *one of eight people*, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood on the world of the ungodly; **6** and turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes, condemned *them* to destruction, making *them* an example to those who afterward would live ungodly; **7** and delivered righteous Lot, *who was* oppressed by the filthy conduct of the wicked **8** (for that righteous man, dwelling among them, tormented *his* righteous soul from day to day by seeing and hearing *their* lawless deeds) **9** then the Lord knows how to deliver the godly out of temptations and to reserve the unjust under punishment for the day of judgment,

There is an End in Sight according to the Bible.

“God will invade. But I wonder whether people who ask God to interfere openly and directly in our world quite realize what it will be like when He does. When that happens, it is the end of the world. When the author walks on to the stage the play is over. God is going to invade, all right: but what is the good of saying you are on His side then, when you see the whole natural universe melting away like a dream and something else - something it never entered your head to conceive - comes crashing in; something so beautiful to some of us and so terrible to others that none of us will have any choice left? For this time, it will be God without disguise; something so overwhelming that it will strike either irresistible love or irresistible horror into every creature. It will be too late then to choose your side. There is no use saying you could choose to lie down when it has become impossible to stand up. That will not be the time for choosing; it will be the time when we discover which side we really have chosen, whether we realized it before or not. Now, today, this moment, is our chance to choose the right side. God is holding back to give us that chance. It will not last forever. We must take it or leave it.”

C.S. Lewis

Isaiah 26:1,19-21

1 In that day, everyone in the land of Judah will sing this song: Our city is strong! We are surrounded by the walls of God's salvation. 19 Your dead shall live; together with (like) my dead body they shall arise. Awake and sing, you who dwell in dust; For your dew is like the dew of herbs, and the earth shall cast out the dead 20 Come, my people, enter your chambers, and shut your doors behind you; hide yourself, as it were, for a little moment, until the indignation is past. 21 For behold, the LORD comes out of His place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity; the earth will also disclose her blood, and will no more cover her slain.

Chambers **heb: cheder** (phonetic chee'der)

a chamber room, a celebratory bedroom. a closed off, private, personal, intimate setting.

Concerning Jesus' Second Coming to Earth

2 Thessalonians 2:5-8

Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things? **6** And now you know what is restraining, that he may be revealed in his own time. **7** For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only He who now restrains *will do so* until He is taken out of the way. **8** And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming.

Revelation 3:7-11

"And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write, "These things says He who is holy, He who is true, '*He who has the key of David, He who opens and no one shuts, and shuts and no one opens*'": **8** "I know your works. See, I have set before you an open door, and no one can shut it; for you have a little strength, have kept My word, and have not denied My name. **9** Indeed I will make *those* of the synagogue of Satan, who say they are Jews and are not, but lie - indeed I will make them come and worship before your feet, and to know that I have loved you. **10** Because you have kept My command to persevere, I also will keep you from the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth. **11**

Behold, I am coming quickly! Hold fast what you have,
that no one may take your crown.

APOSTASY OR REALITY - WHERE ARE YOU?

2.) Consider the danger of the Gospel

vs. 28-29

Hebrews 10:28-29

Anyone who has rejected Moses' law dies without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. 29 Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, counted the blood of the Covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace?

"The Spirit of Grace"

These words are found in only one other verse in the entire Bible and it is in direct relation to the Messiah providing for Israel's Salvation – Coincidence?

Zechariah 12:10

"And I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of Grace and supplication; then they will look upon Me whom they pierced.

APOSTASY OR REALITY - WHERE ARE YOU? CONSIDER THE DANGER OF THE GOSPEL

2a.) Are you trusting in what you've learned?

vs. 28

**28 Anyone who has rejected Moses' law dies without mercy
on the testimony of two or three witnesses.**

This was the penalty, the judgement of those in the Old Testament economy, that if you put off, refused, rejected God's instruction – that leaves you all alone and on your own.

In the parable of “The Nobleman” Jesus warned against the legalist, the moralist, the religionist – that they would perish without mercy because they had abandoned all hope of redemption.

Luke 19:11-14

11 Now as they heard these things, He spoke another parable, because He was near Jerusalem and because they thought the kingdom of God would appear immediately. **12** Therefore He said: “A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom and to return. **13** So he called ten of his servants, delivered to them ten minas, and said to them, “Do business till I come. **14** ‘But his citizens hated him, and sent a delegation after him, saying, “We will not have this man to reign over us.’

Matthew 27:24-25

When Pilate saw that he could not prevail at all, but rather that a tumult was rising, he took water and washed his hands before the multitude, saying, *“I am innocent of the blood of this just Person. You see to it.”* **25** And all the people answered and said, *“His blood be on us and on our children.”*

APOSTASY OR REALITY - WHERE ARE YOU? CONSIDER THE DANGER OF THE GOSPEL

2b.) Are you aware of what's at stake?

vs. 29a

29a Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God underfoot,

punishment grk: timoria (phonetic = tim'o'ria)
vengeance, wrath, indignation.

trampled underfoot grk: : katapateo (phonetic = ka'ta'pa'teo)
to walk back and forth upon or over something, to stomp upon or to
crush beneath the shoe. to eventually
crush under the weight of your own body.

APOSTASY OR REALITY - WHERE ARE YOU? LOOK AROUND AT YOURSELF

2c.) What are you going to do about it?

vs. 29b

counted the blood of the Covenant by which he was sanctified
a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace?

counted grk: hegeomai (phonetic = he'geo'mai)
to make a judgment call or to suppose, to conclude, to consider,
to determine.

common grk: koinos (phonetic =coy'nois)
out of the marketplace, common property, something to be discarded or tossed
away.

insulted grk: enubrizo (phonetic = en-oo-brid'-zo)
to have a distasteful attitude towards another, to treat with contempt, to dismiss or
to ridicule or mock.

Hebrews 10:29 NLT

Just think how much worse the punishment will be for those who have trampled on the Son
of God, and have treated the blood of the covenant, which made us holy, as if it were
common and unholy, and have insulted and disdained the Holy Spirit who brings God's
mercy to us.

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